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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2015

The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: Christopher Brown, Chairman, Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Paul Ekness and Stoughton Smead

Staff: Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Appointment

Thayer Brook Update

The Forest Management Plan is in full swing right now with Rocky Mountain harvesting logs and chipping brush. The weather and equipment breakdown slowed them down a little bit but a new machine will be on-site this week and work will continue. The Commission approved two new machines to be on-site called a Tigercat 635 Skidder (6 wheel drive) and a Tigercat 630 Skidder (4 wheel drive). Carmine Angelone and Tonya Basch have been on-site every day during the operation and will continue to monitor it throughout the next few weeks. The harvest is approximately 50% complete at this time.

Appointment

Bruer Pond Update

Present: Tonya Basch and Carmine Angelone

The Engineering Department is currently working on the Notice of Intent for the bank stabilization. The department will begin working on the already approved sediment basin project when the weather improves. The trees and bushes have been ordered and will be planted during the spring/summer.

7:15 PM

Request for Determination

936 Stony Hill Road

Present: Gary Weiner, P.E. (representing the applicant)

The applicant is seeking permission to install a new septic system within a Riverfront Area. The property is also within the Flood Plain. According to Gary Weiner, there are no alternatives to locating the system elsewhere on the property. The current system is under the ground water level and can no longer be used. The home also has an existing well but the new owners will take advantage of the town water hookup.

In an email, Commissioner George Reich inquired as to why the erosion controls shown on the submitted plan were located on the opposite side of the driveway and not closer to the project. Mr. Weiner indicated that contractors with the equipment will be using the existing driveway to construct the new septic system. No work is proposed opposite the driveway.

Motion: Jim Roberts, close the public hearing and issue a Negative #3 and Negative #6 Determinations with conditions set forth as submitted in the Request for Determination

2nd: Stoughton Smead

Unanimously in Favor: Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Paul Ekness and Stoughton Smead

Minutes: December 15, 2014

Motion: Stoughton Smead, accept minutes as written

2nd: Jim Roberts

Unanimously in favor: Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Paul Ekness and Stoughton Smead

Minutes: January 12, 2015

Motion: Jim Roberts, accept minutes as reviewed and amended

2nd: Paul Ekness

Unanimously in favor: Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Paul Ekness and Stoughton Smead

Appointment **Danielle Desmarais**

Ms. Desmarais met with the Commission to advise them of the date of the dedication of the new bird house at Bruuer Pond. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd at 1:00 PM. The new house will be set in concrete once a location is determined.

Discussion **6 Decorie Drive**

The Commission agreed to table this item until they had a chance to go to the sites.

Items to remain on the agenda for further discussion:

- The addition of a by-law regarding a “no disturb” zone to any resource location
- Consultant Fee under G.L. Ch. 44§53G
- Rules and Regulations for Conservation Property

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: _____

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